



TCP WELCOME

TCP variant for Wireless Environment, Link losses, and COngestion packet loss ModEls

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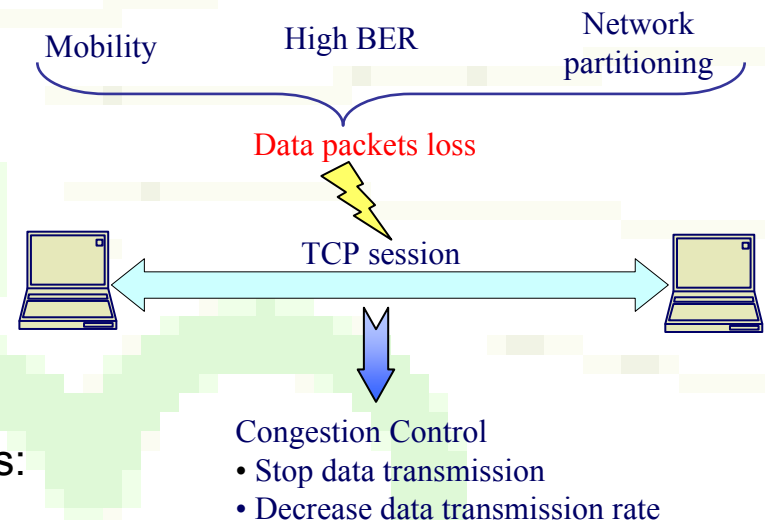
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• Motivation

- TCP does not recognize the cause of data packet losses
 - TCP reacts, always, as it is due to congestion
- Within wireless ad hoc networks, losses:
 - Congestion
 - Link failures (mobility, battery depletion)
 - Wireless channel errors (interference, signal loss)
- TCP for wireless ad hoc networks:
 - Classification of data packet loss causes: Loss Differentiation Algorithm
 - Appropriate Loss Recovery Algorithm





- **Related Work**

- Loss differentiation and classification algorithms can be categorized into two classes according to their characteristics implicit and explicit
- Implicit loss classification mechanisms
 - TCP Westwood (sender-side modification of TCP New Reno)
 - Estimates the connection bandwidth based on the rate of the received acknowledgements
 - Uses the estimated bandwidth to adjust and set its congestion window and slow-start threshold parameters
 - Unable to handle link losses situations where burst packet losses occur and an ad hoc re-routing is required
- Explicit loss classification mechanisms
 - Physical and link-layer solutions : forward error correction (FEC) and/or link level retransmissions
 - Non-Congestion Packet Loss Detection (NCPLD) algorithm
 - Spike Scheme
 - ZigZag Scheme
 - All these approaches suffer from the same limitation when used in MANETs: they are not designed to cope with the losses due to link losses and ad hoc route breaking
 - Most approaches assumes that only the last hop is the wireless link; which is not the case within wireless ad hoc networks (all the links are wireless)



- **TCP-WELCOME**

- Implicit loss differentiation mechanism:
 - Loss Differentiation Algorithm
 - Loss Recovery Algorithm
- Differentiate between:
 - Wireless channel errors
 - Link failure within the network
 - Network congestion
- Based on RTT measures at the sender side host
 - No support needed from any intermediary nodes and from the corresponding nodes
 - No clock synchronization needed at both sending and receiving ends

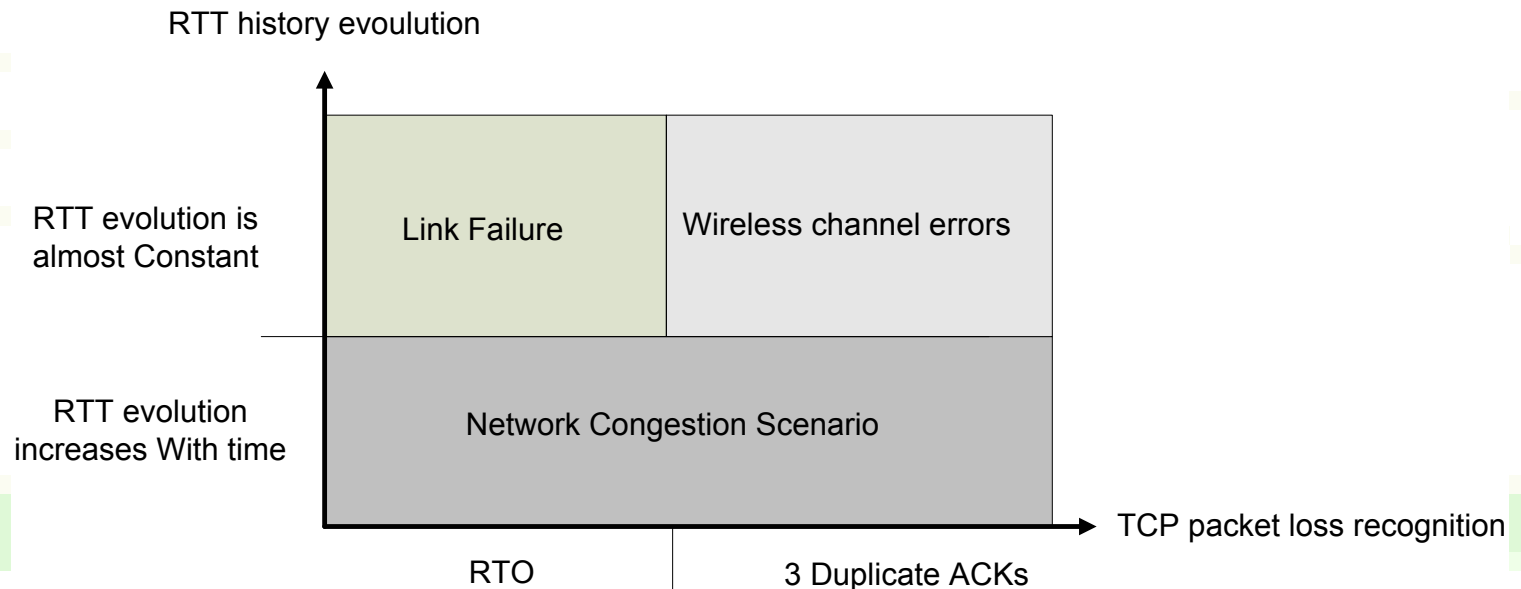


• TCP-WELCOME: Loss Differentiation Algorithm

- The history of RTT samples evolution over the connection
- The data packet loss triggers (3 Duplicate Acknowledgments, or Retransmission Time Out - RTO)
- Classifying Wireless Channel related Losses
 - RTT samples evolution within the network is not highly fluctuating and stays around an average value and the data packet loss is recognized through three duplicate acknowledgements
- Classifying Link Failure related Losses
 - RTT samples evolution is relatively constant, and TCP recognizes data packet loss through RTO expiration



- Classifying Network Congestion related Losses
 - RTT samples at the sender side is increasing gradually regardless of data packet loss recognition by TCP (RTO or 3 Duplicate





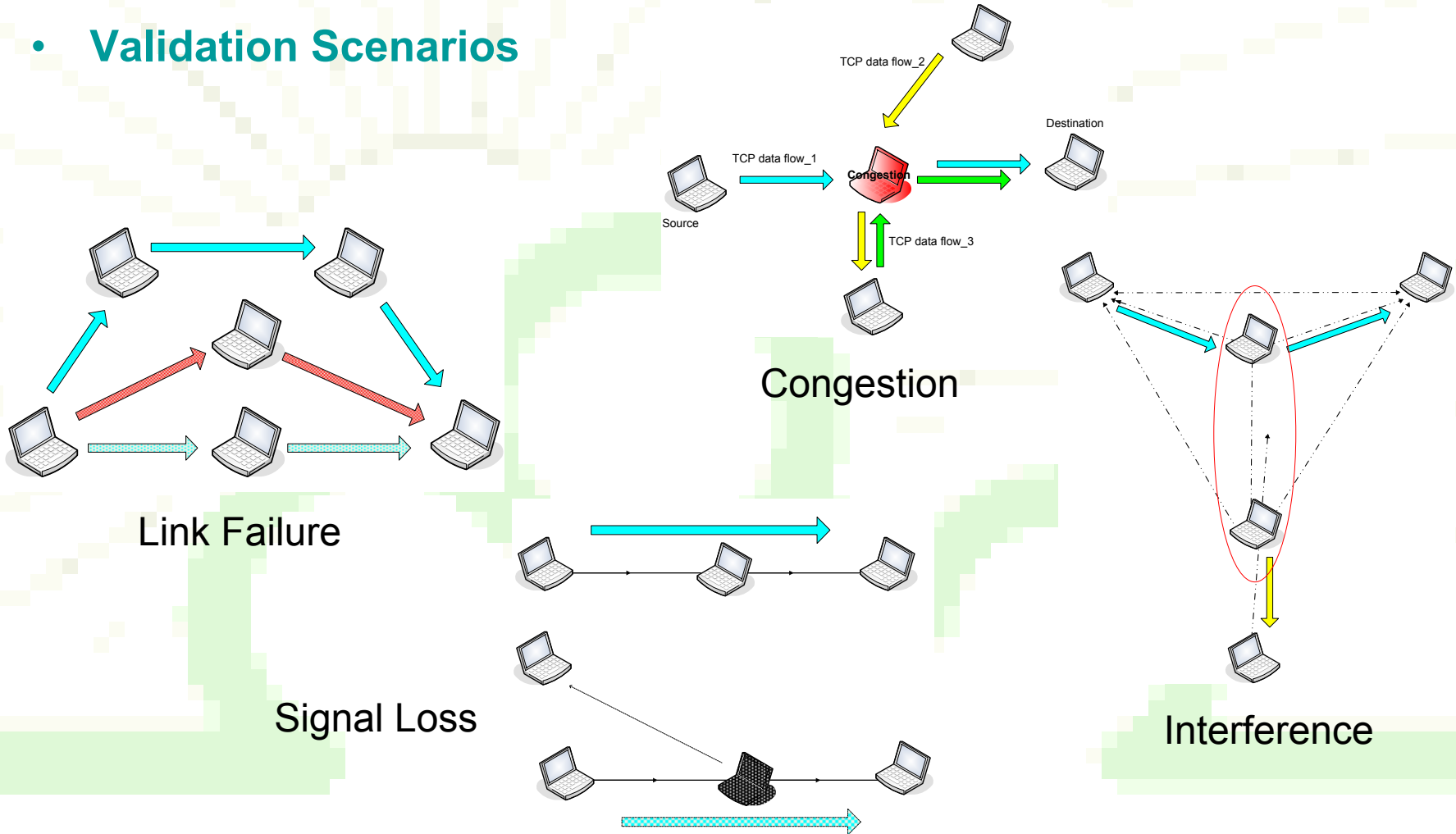
- **TCP-WELCOME : Loss Recovery Algorithm**
 - Link failure
 - $RTO_{new} = (RTT_{new} / RTT_{old}) RTO_{old}$
 - $CWND_{new} = (RTT_{old} / RTT_{new}) CWND_{old}$
 - Wireless related errors (interference)
 - No CWND or RTO re-computation or adjustments
 - Congestion
 - TCP New Reno behaviour



- **TCP-WELCOME Validation**

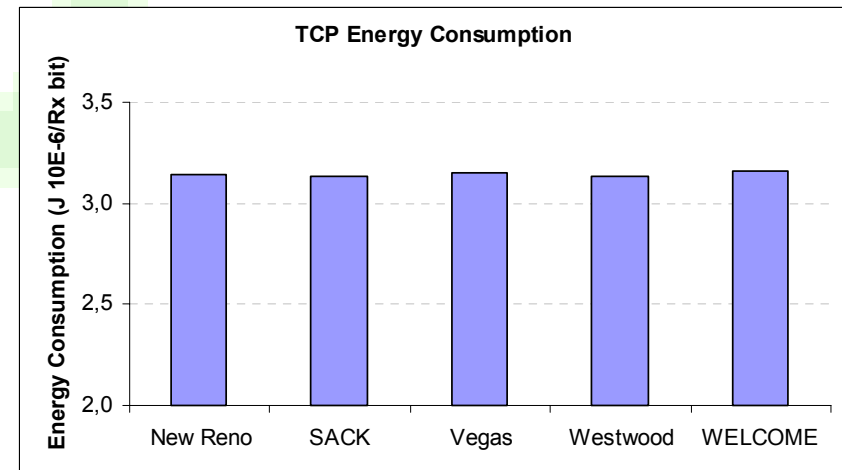
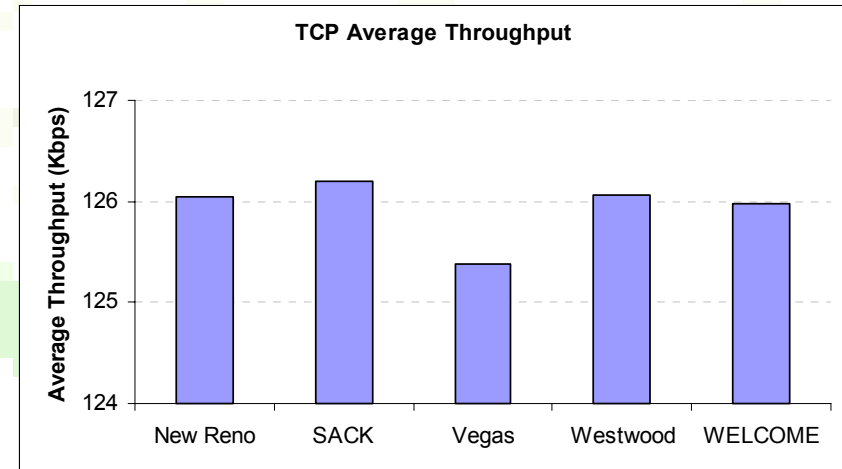
- Study the effect of the different loss scenarios (link failure, congestion, signal loss, or interference)
- Evaluation of TCP WELCOME and comparisons with other TCP variants such as New-Reno, SACK, Vegas, and Westwood
- Use of Ad-hoc On-demand Distance Vector (AODV) as an ad hoc routing protocol
- NS2 as a network simulation tool
- Nodes communicate through identical wireless radio settings using the standard MAC 802.11 having a bandwidth of 2Mbps and a radio propagation range of 250 meters

- Validation Scenarios



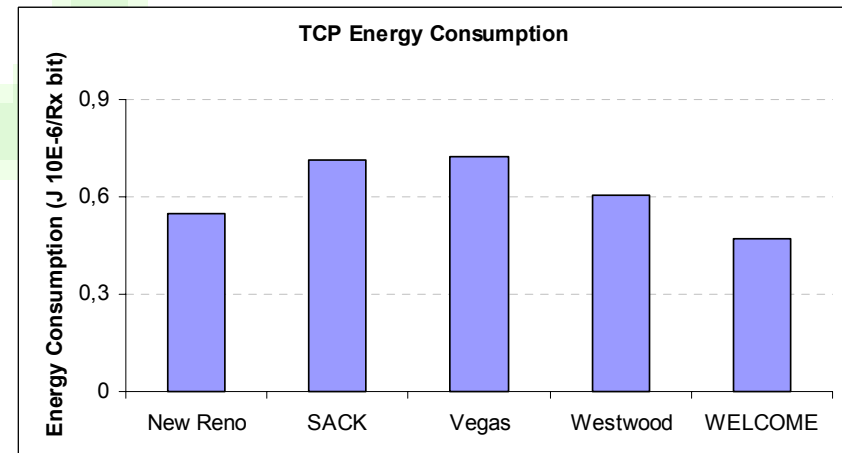
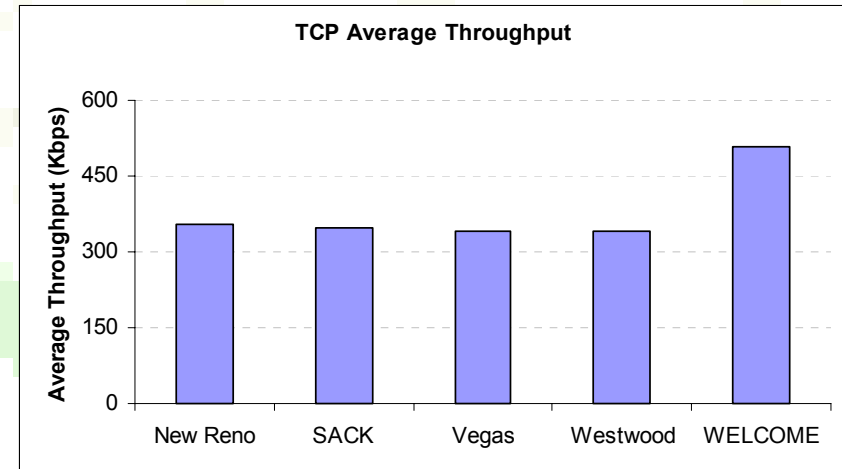


- **TCP-WELCOME Validation Results : Congestion**
- **Throughput:**
 - TCP-WELCOME has a similar performance compared to best performing variants (New-Reno, SACK, and Westwood)
- **Energy Consumption:**
 - TCP-WELCOME has the same performance as the other studied variants
 - TCP-WELCOME reacts in the same manner in front of congestion (as in TCP New Reno)
 - TCP-WELCOME is able to classify correctly packet losses due to network congestions and take the right actions to recover from the loss



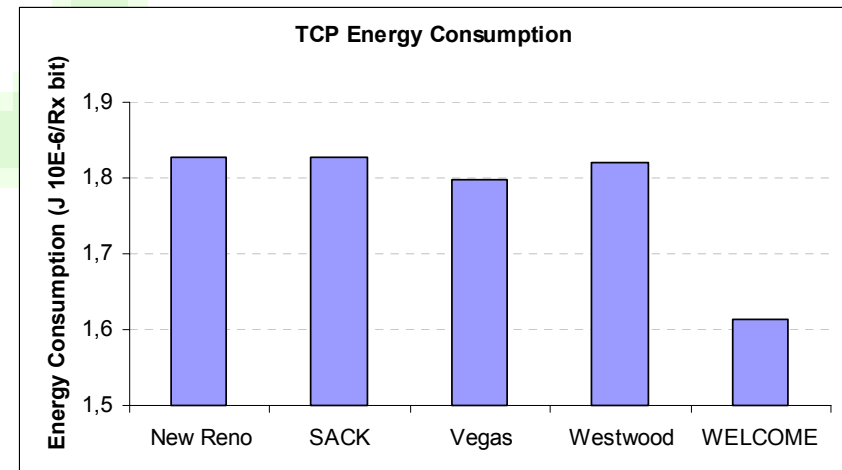
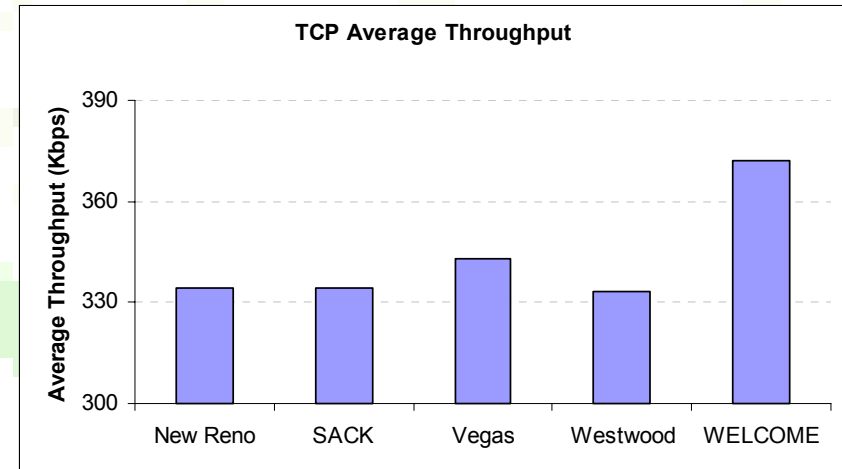


- **TCP-WELCOME Validation Results : Interference**
- **Throughput:**
 - TCP-WELCOME outperforms all the other variants
- **Energy Consumption:**
 - TCP-WELCOME outperforms all the other variants
- **Its performance improved compared to other TCP variants:**
 - The ability of TCP-WELCOME to classify the cause of data loss, as due to wireless channel imperfections
 - Not decreasing the data transmission rate as in all other TCP Variants (including TCP-Westwood)



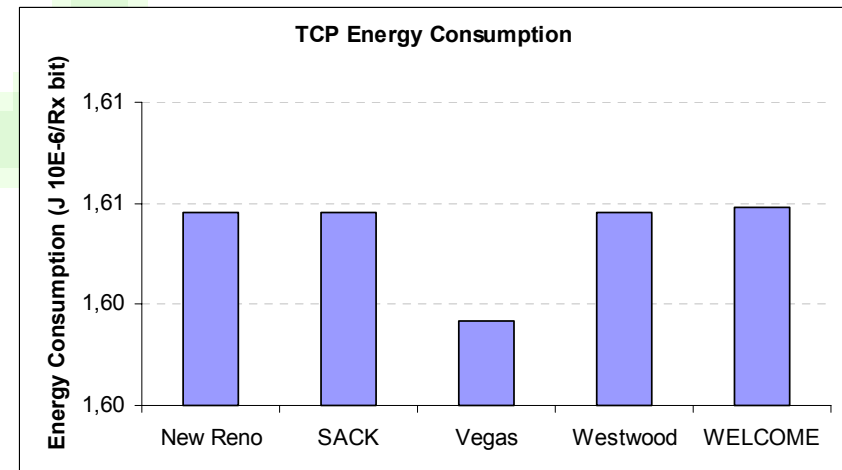
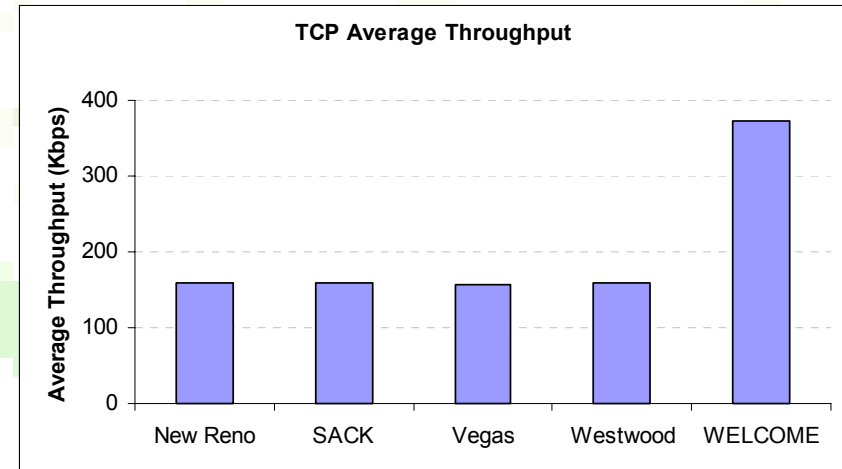


- **TCP-WELCOME Validation Results : Link Failure**
- **Throughput:**
 - TCP-WELCOME is the best performing variant
 - The ability of TCP-WELCOME to detect that the packet losses are due to link failure and to react appropriately
- **Energy Consumption:**
 - TCP-WELCOME has the lowest energy consumption
 - Adjusting data transmission rate according to the new discovered route's characteristics helps conserving node's energy and maximizing the average throughput





- **TCP-WELCOME Validation Results: Signal Loss**
- **Throughput:**
 - TCP-WELCOME outperforms the others in term of average throughput
 - TCP-WELCOME does not decrease its data transmission rate after data packet loss (as in TCP New Reno)
 - noticed throughput gain and better usage of wireless channel bandwidth resources
- **Energy Consumption:**
 - Energy consumption of most variants is almost the same
 - TCP Vegas has the least energy consumption among the others; its performance in term of average throughput is bad





- **Conclusions and Future Work**
- **Conclusions:**
 - we proposed TCP-WELCOME, a new TCP variant that is suitable for mobile ad hoc networks.
 - TCP-WELCOME uses a Loss Differentiation Algorithm (LDA) that recognizes efficiently the three common packet loss causes within such networks: network congestion, wireless channel errors, and link losses.
 - we showed the performance improvement of TCP-WELCOME by comparing it to different TCP variants under different data packet loss scenarios (congestion, interference, link failure, and signal loss).
 - TCP average throughput and energy consumption are improved significantly using TCP-WELCOME.
 - Its ability to clearly classify data packet loss and take the most appropriate actions to recover from packet losses (Loss Recovery Algorithm).
- **Fututre Work:**
 - study the performance of TCP-WELCOME and improve its behavior according to the different ad hoc routing protocols (i.e. reactive or proactive).
 - study the effect of these routing protocol algorithms on TCP-WELCOME performance.
 - Analyze the performance of TCP-WELCOME using more complex and mixed scenarios.